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Dear Local Health Director, Health Officer, Board of Health Member or Chair,

We are pleased to provide you with the online version of the 2006 *Guide to Surveillance, Reporting and Control*.

The 2006 *Guide* replaces the 2001 *Guide to Surveillance and Reporting*. Its purpose is to assist local boards of health with specific surveillance and reporting responsibilities for infectious diseases reportable to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The *Guide* contains information about diseases, reporting, control recommendations and legal requirements.

Please note that the online version of the *Guide* does not contain copies of the Case Report Forms and other forms and worksheets, however they will be provided in the hard copy. Should you need copies in the meantime, please call 617-983-6801.

Local public health plays the key role in the state's infectious disease surveillance system. We appreciate the critical importance of your efforts to investigate and control diseases in your communities.

Sincerely,

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